

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
TAXICAB COMMISSION
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

GRANTS FOR WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXICABS

The Government of the District of Columbia, Taxicab Commission is soliciting applications from approved taxicab companies and taxicab operators with current DCTC operating authority to purchase wheelchair accessible taxicabs that reside in the District of Columbia. Awardees must provide through the TRANSPORT DC pilot program, a cost-effective, high service quality Metro Access paratransit service alternative to Metro Access clients and to individuals with disabilities. Under TRANSPORT DC, approved taxicab companies and operators will provide transportation for certified Metro Access clients and individuals with disabilities to and from various locations within the District of Columbia. Upon approval, participating taxicab companies and owners of licensed taxicabs legally operating and incorporated in the District of Columbia must purchase a **new 2015 or newer wheelchair accessible vehicle (“WAV”) and complete WAV and sensitivity training**. Taxicab Companies and Operators must reside within the District of Columbia. The DCTC, Office of Taxicabs (“Office”), is administering this RFA: **“WAV TAXI GRANT.”**

DCTC intends to make available \$136,000 in grant funds, available no later than April 11, 2016. Grant awards may range from \$7,500 up to \$136,000 will be awarded to offset the purchase of a new WAV. Completion of wheelchair accessibility and sensitivity training is required prior to operating a WAV purchased through this grant.

The above mentioned grants will be for current taxicab operators and taxicab companies that live in the District of Columbia and are in compliance with DCTC laws and regulations. **The pre-application conference is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 15, 2016.**

The Request for Applications (“RFA”) RFA# WAVTAXI2016-03-004 release date will be Monday, April 11, 2016. The full text of the Request for Applications will be available online at DCTC’s website. It will also be available for pickup. A person may obtain a copy of this RFA by any of the following means:

Download by visiting the DCTC website, www.dctaxi.dc.gov.

Email a request to karl.muhammad2@dc.gov with “Request copy of RFA WAV TAXI” in the subject line.

In person Copies of the request for application (RFA) may be picked up in Driver Services located on the 2nd floor the DC Taxicab Commission located at 2235 Shannon Place, SE, Suite 2001 Washington, DC 20020; or

Write DCTC at 2235 Shannon Place, SE, Suite 3001, Washington, DC 20020, “Attn: Request copy of RFA# WAV TAXI 2016-03-004” on the outside of the letter.

The deadline for application submissions is May 9, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. Grants will be issued until all funds are exhausted or July 31, 2016, whichever occurs first. Five (5) hard copies must be submitted to the above address and a complete electronic copy must be submitted with your hard copies to karl.muhammad2@dc.gov.

Eligibility: Only taxicab companies and taxicab operators that are approved by DCTC to participate in TRANSPORT DC may apply for this funding opportunity.

Period of Awards: TRANSPORT DC grant program performance period will begin immediately after notification of the grant award and end on September 30, 2016. A three (3) year commitment to provide Transportation service for the TRANSPORT DC program is required for this funding opportunity.

Available Funding: Available funding is \$136,000. Grant awards may range from \$7,500 up to \$136,000 to offset the purchase of new WAVs. A Grant awardee must complete wheelchairs accessible and sensitivity training prior to operation of a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

For additional information regarding this Notice of Funding Availability, please contact Karl Muhammad at karl.muhammad2@dc.gov or (202) 645-4435.